adopted is to ask the vaccinators to go to the houses, because otherwise people will not come to the depots for vaccination. It is only to bring these facts to the notice of the Government that I tabled this motion.

(*The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.*)

President.—The question before the House is that a sum of Rs. 8,700 under 'Demand No. XXII—Vaccination' be granted.

Question put and agreed to.

Demand No. XXIII—Sanitation and Conservancy—Rs. 44,800.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Sir, I rise to request for a grant of Rs. 44,800 under the head 'Sanitation and Conservancy.'

Motion No. 1.

A. State General.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.— *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 17,750 for 'Sanitation works proper' by Rs. 10.*

President.—Motion No. 1, Mr. C. J. Mathew.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I wish to point out by this motion that it would be desirable to separate the Sanitary Department from Medicine, with a view to improve the present sanitary conditions of our village parts because, as it is, our rural parts are sadly neglected. If you happen to go through some of the villages of my constituency, you will be struck by their filthy atmosphere. In the reply speech made by the Chief Medical Officer he has given us an assuarance,.....

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No assurance.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—At least some undertaking that he will seriously consider this question and keep this Department under a separate Health Officer. In that case, I don't press the cut.

(*The motion was with drawn with leave.*)

Motion No. 2.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 17,750 for 'Sanitation Works (Municipal Council)' by Re. 1.*

President.—Cut motion No. 2.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I have tabled this motion for the purpose of drawing the attention of the Government that, in spite of the great demand by the Mattancheri Municipality and the people thereof for a hospital, no provision has been made in the budget of 1104.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—This is Sanitary Department.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Doesn't matter.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Is it in order, Sir ?

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—We are starving for a hospital. We put it down so that we may speak particularly along with it. Kindly consider, Sir, what the condition of sanitation at the Ferry Jetty at Cochin is. If you don't build a building there, it is very difficult for the people who come there for waiting. I have seen the Sanitary Officer going to Cochin at least once in a fortnight, and during the plague, twice and thrice a week, while he might have noted the condition of the ferry landing of Mattancheri. That the provision of Rs. 7,500 was sanctioned last year and that it has been allowed to lapse, upon the ground that we do not know what the harbour jurisdiction would be is indeed regrettable. What does it matter to us in whose jurisdiction the jetty will go? To bring these matters to the notice of the Government and the urgent need for a hospital in Mattancheri, which is a crying one, and to say that Mattancheri is sadly in need of it, I tabled this motion.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Government has taken the matter into its consideration and at the earliest opportunity would start a Hospital in Mattancheri. The construction of a waiting shed, I suppose, is not in the consideration.

Mr. S. S. Koder.—May I say a word? A waiting room is absolutely necessary, and about the hospital I know some steps are taken. What about the Ferry? Some temporary arrangements must be made next year.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Thank you, Sir.

(*The motion was withdrawn with leave.*)

Motion No. 3.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 11,912 for 'B Rural Sanitation Establishment' by Rs. 40.*

President.—Motion No. 3 by Mr. A. Eachara Menon.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Sir, I had moved for a cut of Rs. 480 but unfortunately it is found here as Rs. 40. That does not matter. In *the Civil List* I find T. V. Venkitakrishna Ayyar drawing Rs. 90 per mensem while acting for K. C. Achyuta Menon whose pay is only Rs. 80. I wish to know why it is so?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Sir, the member is wrong. His cut is for Rs. 40.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not exactly catch what the Hon'ble Member for Chittur says.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What I mean is that the acting man, for a permanent post of Rs. 80, is drawing Rs. 90; and the acting man has no permanent post in the State. Further there is something more. Out of the Rs. 80 to the permanent incumbent Rs. 50 alone is paid by the Municipality and the balance of Rs. 30 is paid by the Government. Thus there is an extra expense of Rs. 480 per annum which I wished to cut off.

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is due to the reversion of the Sanitary Inspector, Sesha Ayyar, who was on other duty for a considerably long time. When a man was made to act for him, it was found hard to turn him out when the old Sanitary Inspector came. So he was sent to Chittur as the Municipal Vaccinator, and he gets his pay and the Government is paying the difference. Rs. 50 is the ssnctioned pay, and this man was already getting Rs. 80 here and the difference of Rs. 30 is paid by the Government. Strictly it is a matter of accommodation as a result of having no suitable post. The man has put down 17 years' service.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Then I beg to withdraw the motion.

(*The motion was withdrawn with leave.*)

Motion No. 4.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs 12,254 for "B Rural Sanitation total' by Re. 1.*

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—I withdraw the motion.

(*Hence it was considered withdrawn.*)

Motion No. 5.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 44,800, under 'Demand No. XXIII' by Re. 1.*

(*The motion was considered withdrawn since the Member was absent.*)

Motion No. 6.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—*To reduce the total allotment of, Rs. 44,800, under 'Demand No. XXIII by Re. 1.*

President.—Motion No. 6 by Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I have tabled this motion to bring to the notice of the Government the water scarcity in Trichur and as my Hon'ble friend, the Member for Trichur, has tabled another motion to the same effect I don't press this motion.

(*The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.*)

Motion No. 7.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 44,800 under 'Demand No. XXIII' by Rs. 100.*

President.—Motion No. 7 by Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—My object in tabling this motion is to bring to the notice of the Government the absence of any contribution to the Municipalities. The question was discussed on previous occasions and the matter was fully thrushed out, and I do not wish to press this motion so far as that matter is concerned. I withdraw the motion.

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(*The motion was withdrawn with leave.*)

Motion No. 8.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 44,800 under 'Demand No. XXIII' by Re. 1.*

The Member being absent, the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 9.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 44,800 under 'Demand No. XXIII' by Re. 1.*

President.—Motion No. 9 by Dr. A. R. Menon.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Sir, I have tabled this motion to bring to the immediate notice of the Government the different amounts of contribution meted out by the Government to the Chittur Municipality and other Municipalities, and to call attention to the absolute necessity for pressing the water supply problem. The other day I read in this House a list of the amounts of money contributed to the various Municipalities by the Government. I have got the paper. Let me read that to the House.

	Rs.
Ernakulam	16,00,000
Cochin	3,50,000
Trichur	29,000

That is the way in which money is contributed. We have no grudge against Government in being generous to other Municipalities, for at that time, most probably, we were not in need of any substantial contribution from the Government; but the time has come when we are faced by a very serious problem, the water-supply question. Last year, during Summer, the poor people in the bazaar were forced to drink dirty and muddy water from the lakes and ditches. And some were forced to purchase water at an anna per *kutam*. Even the Trichur Chairman had to purchase water at the rate of 6 as. per cart-load. Indeed the position is reduced to such an extent that the time is gradually becoming unbearable in the Trichur Municipal area.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Cart-load ! 6 s.! Can you give me in gallons?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is very difficult. 6 as. is for charges paid to the cartman to bring the water. Now, Sir, this problem is brought to the notice of the House, and the Hon'ble Members could realise how much the poor people had to undergo the trouble. Now, when an Hon'ble Member comes before this Council and pleads before this House for a generous contribution, naturally the question asked is, "have you done all that you can possibly

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do before seeking help from us?" The answer is in the affirmative. This question has been taken up by the Trichur Municipality, and various Chairmen have taken up various methods to solve this difficult problem. Before Mr. Marar came to the Chair, the idea was to dig a number of wells, and when he came to the Chairmanship, he advised a different method, *viz.*, bringing water from the *kole* fields and surround the town with this water. It was felt to be very difficult, for we see even *kole* lands are suffering from scarcity of water. So he did not solve the problem. Then after Mr. Marar, there came several Chairmen, and each of them gave his share to the solution of this water-supply question, drinking water as well as bathing water. They have dug several wells, but all of them dry up during the hot season. There is no Municipality in the Cochin State which spends so much money upon the water-supply scheme as the Trichur Municipality is doing. That shows clearly that we feel the responsibilities to tax-payers of the Municipality, who have been delayed for so long a time, even sacrificing the roads, to solve this question for a number of years. Now I regret to say all our attempts have proved fruitless, and the only other way of salvation for the Trichur Municipality is to appeal to the generosity of the Government to come forward and do what is possible to alleviate the sad condition of the Trichur Municipality. I may say at the very beginning that it is not our intention that the Government should incur all the expenditure. I would ask the Government to ask the Chief Engineer to find out a solution for this problem, and take necessary measures to supply us with necessary water, and as for the maintenance and distribution charges, they will be borne by the Trichur Municipality, and the Government shall not be asked to contribute one pie. That is the position that we beg to place before the House, and I do hope that the Government will consider the problem, especially now, when we have a Chief Engineer who is an expert in irrigation works and request the Government to avail of this opportunity of utilising his enormous knowledge in Engineering to solving this very grave problem, affecting the life of the poor people.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Sir, I beg to support the motion. What a sad plight! The Christian homes—90 per cent of them—could not get water even to drink during Summer. Almost all the wells get dried up, and if there are a couple of wells, which may have some little water, people crowd up together round them and make a regular fight for water, with the result that even the small quantity of water available get hopelessly dirty and muddy. I dare say this scarcity of water is more keenly felt by the people of the Christian Bazaar than those living out-

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side. It may be said that this scarcity is felt only during Summer for two or three months. That is quite true, but, Sir, can you or I or anybody for that matter go on without water? We are not camels to load water for months together.

Sir, fire-accidents are not uncommon in Trichur and we want water to put out any out-break of fire. It is only the other day about fifty houses were burnt down to ashes and all for want of water. If water was available, we could have saved all these houses, most of which belonged to the poor.

A solution, therefore, must be arrived at and at once.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—First of, all comparing the allotment regarding the different amounts of contribution to various Municipalities, that will depend upon the wants of the Municipality and will not be distributed equally. For example, Alwaye Municipality do not want drinking water. They have so many conveniences, and in spite of that they are making a lot of income during the festival times. They do not know what to do with it. And the needs of Ernakulam are different from Trichur, and the needs of Trichur are different from Mattancheri. So the allotment given by the Government ought to be according to the needs and not according to the equal distribution as suggested by the Hon'ble Member for Trichur.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I concede that point.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—But gauging the needs of people should depend upon other things. If Trichur needs water-supply, the people ought to pay for it. He stated that they will meet the maintenance charges and working expenses. That is not enough. With respect to the water-supply I have not carried out a scheme myself. In spite of my 'long experience' as an Engineer, I say that it is always advisable to entrust such a scheme to an expert. I should like to point out one difficulty. You are asking for a want which is only periodic. For nine months you get excellent water. When I went to Trichur my friends there told me the water was excellent. And it is healthy to live there. I myself feel healthy (*laughter*). You are asking only for a want which is only occasional, and you want a permanent remedy. Then you will have to pay tax for it throughout the year, though you need no water for nine months. Please remember this.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—By caravans or so you cannot get water for the three months.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Suppose you get a pump to supply water. You will have to pay for twelve months and you will say that you do get water for nine months and that you won't pay for it.

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Have the Government any idea ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—All necessary help will be rendered by the Government to provide good water-supply for the Summer. The matter is under consideration.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We do not want any help. The only thing we want is a good system of good drinking water. Whether it is by pipe system or well system we don't care. I want to get the assurance or I must press the matter for a division in the House.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Municipality is digging a number of wells. During the course of all these three or four years they have dug wells as well as purchased one or two.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The Secretary speaks as if he were a stranger to Trichur.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I am a native of Trichur, and I have felt the difficulty more than you all. I saw from the report of the Trichur Municipality that four wells were dug this year. That shows that the Municipality is taking some kind of remedial measures.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Digging a well is one, and the supply of water is another. Practically, there is no water in the wells, and so there is no use of digging wells. They dug up wells and all the wells dried up.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I know, as a matter of fact, all the wells in my neighbours' compound dried up, and they all came to my house for water.

President.—Was there an investigation ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That should be tackled by the Government in 1104.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Let the Municipality move in the matter.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—This question was taken up for discussion at the Trichur Municipal Council, and they unanimously passed that the matter should be taken to this Council, and I, as a representative of the Trichur Constituency, was entrusted with the duty of carrying it out to the very end. Accordingly, I have placed the matter before the House as well as the Government in a clear manner. If the Government does not give me an assurance, I must press the matter to a division of the House, for I have to tell that to my people. We only ask the Government to take the initiative by means of preliminary investigation, as to how a good supply of drinking as well as bathing water can be had for Trichur.

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The House rose for lunch at 2 p. m. and met again at 3 p. m.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Hon'ble Member for Trichur will be able to say whether any constructive scheme has been submitted to the Government. I do not remember to have seen any. At the time of the Chief Engineer, Mr. Browning, I remember to have seen a scheme in which he has recommended the acquisition of a plot of *kole* lands for the storage of water there. Then the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, when consulted, said that that water will not be suitable for drinking purposes. So that scheme was dropped. Any other constructive scheme laid before the Government?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I cannot say that we have laid any constructive scheme before the Government, but we did make an attempt to get water for drinking purposes, and I made a personal representation to His Highness the Maharaja.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There is no use of bringing the name of His Highness the Maharaja to this House

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What is the objection?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I don't know whether it is in order.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Absolutely in order. I appeal to the Chair. Why are you taking objection, Sir? I do not think there is any objection.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The matter can be expressed otherwise.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I wanted to show His Highness' sympathy. His Highness commanded us to make a proper representation, and the Government of Mr. Narayana Menon was willing to pay Rs. 30,000. We found that it would be a failure, and so we stopped work. Now it is your busines, the Chief Engineer's business, to suggest a measure to give us water. If he wants a suggestion, we are prepared to give. But I want to know whether this House will sympathetically consider, for I know that the Government will not do anything unless they are compelled to undertake this work.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Government is not unsympathetic, Sir.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I want an undertaking whether you will do something.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Let representations come from the Municipality, and we will consider and will show our sympathy.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I wish to know whether the development of the Thanikkudam scheme will not solve the difficulty.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The scheme itself is under contemplation. The Chief Engineer is looking into it. How

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is it possible to say now? When the scheme is developed, the proposition will be solved to a certain extent.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I think it would be completely solved, because the supply of drinking water to Anappara is complicated with the question of the supply of water to the town and *kole* lands.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—If once we give up *kole* lands, then we are very much near the solution. If it is only for the supply of water to the town and for a place like Anappara, it is very easy to supply.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—If we take *kole* lands, will there not be water?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—There will not be enough water.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will you kindly tell us what the cost will be for the construction of Tanikkudam reservoir and supply of water to Trichur, leaving *kole* lands alone?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—If we leave out *kole* lands, we don't want a big reservoir. In the preliminary report, it is said that the reservoir may irrigate some new land. But there will not be enough water for *kole* lands alone. For the *kole* lands, we shall have to raise the full lake level to the highest possible level *viz.*,60 feet depth of water. That bigger reservoir is necessary if the *kole* lands are to be tackled. Such a reservoir would cost about 11 lakhs of rupees. A smaller reservoir just enough for Trichur water-supply will cost only three or four lakhs. It will contain much less than half the supply of the larger reservoir.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—If the Government cannot contribute 5 lakhs of rupees we know how to get it.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—That is for the reservoir alone. We want pumping. We have to consider the question of leading water to Trichur.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We are not concerned with the supply of water to *kole* lands. We are concerned more with the supply of drinking water. From your experience will you be able to say what the cost will be roughly?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It is very difficult to answer a question into which I have not looked.

I have not looked into the question of utilising the Tanikkudam reservoir. I say it is possible because the amount of water is quite sufficient.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The Municipality is willing to do so. All the ladies of Trichur sent a petition asking the Government to take the necessary action. I am not afraid of the men but I am afraid of the women. So we will have a division.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—Something must be done.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—We are prepared to go into the matter in 1104, but we cannot promise whether it can be accomplished.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Governmet take the initiative to solve the question next year, 1104 ?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—We will look into the question whether it can be utilised for the town water-supply.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—That is not the point. Will you do something in the supply of water ? My object is that you should supply water for at least three months, *i. e.*, in the coming Summer. You must deal with it as the primary question and supply of water to the *kole* lands as the secondary question. I don't care about the *kole* lands.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I say all that is difficult.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We don't want that, Sir. We only want to know whether you would take some steps, whether you will do all that you can to give the people some water to drink.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—At least for three months these wells are dried up.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—In order to get water, whether you will tackle to give some water for drinking purposes in 1104 or in 1105 ?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Will you define 'tackle'?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Whether you will earnestly look into the schemes and make the public aware of what you are doing in 1104 for purposes of solving the problem ?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I shall accept that.

Dr A. R. Menon.—Accept what ?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan—Accept that I will tackle the problem. That is what Mr. Salem wants.

Dr. A R. Menon.—I shall leave it to your sense of honour.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May we take it to mean that the Government will take the initiative rather than shunt it on to the responsibility of the Municipality ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No question of shunting.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—In the light of the promise and relying upon the word of honour of the Chief Engineer, I withdraw the mention.

(*The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.*)

Motion No. 10.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 44,800 under 'Demand No. XXIII' by Re. 1.*

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President.—Motion No. 10.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The object of this motion is to call the attention of the Government that it is not giving proper grants to the Municipalities. This question has already been discussed to some extent on a previous day. So I don't propose to enter into details. I have taken the trouble to point out to the Government that the Municipalities have a moral right to get contributions from the Government every year. We are general tax-payers in addition to the rates that we pay to the Municipality. The benefit that people living outside the Municipality is given should be conferred upon those citizens who are within the Municipalities. I want the House to realise that those who reside within the Municipal area have to pay two taxes—the rates of the Municipality and the general taxes. You don't expect from us any general taxes, because we who are living within the Municipality are entitled to have a share of the general revenue in the Municipal area. That is the first argument. The second argument is that it is the custom in all countries to give generous contributions to the Municipalities for the simple reason that a large portion of the population live within a limited area, in a congested area. Therefore, to meet the requirements of sanitation and other necessary amenities of life, it is essential that Government should come forward generously and give contributions. Surely the Municipal roads do get grant, which grant is not given to us. It is a great mistake in not giving Rs. 4,000 or Rs. 5,000 as a contribution. We do not charge you. We are entitled to charge, as I said the other day, your public buildings, your motor cars, but we do not do it, and in return you give us a lump sum. Whether the sum is more than what we can get I am not prepared to say just now. For the reasons stated above, and also because this is the first time that the Government for a number of years has refused to sanction any amount to the Municipality, I cannot really understand, when you have got a surplus of money, why you hoard it up and not give any money to the Municipalities for even carrying their essential needs. There is no fun in keeping accumulated this amount, and I think that the Government can generously give us, the Municipalities, a grant, and since it is not included in the budget, they can do so in the supplementary grant. They are anxious to bring supplementary grants for P. W. D., and for the first time, let us see whether you will generously come forward and generously give us a contribution in one of the subsequent meetings. It is only to show the displeasure of the House in not having given a contribution to the Municipalities that this motion is tabled. This is not a Party question. Those who are

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willing, those whose conscience dictates that it is necessary, let them vote. I beg to press this motion.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Government may reply.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I beg to withdraw.

(*The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.*)

Motion No. 11.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 44,800 under 'Demand No. XXIII' by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I have tabled this motion only to call attention to the very bad condition in which the foreshore of Ernakulam is. Sir, one of the best things that has been done for this town was to clear the foreshore of all the marshy lands, to allow good air to play into the town of Ernakulam, which has made Ernakulam almost a sanatorium with a good water supply. Dr. Coombes has stated that, of all the towns in India, Ernakulam is one of the best towns from the point of view of health with its good water supply that we have and the good breezes that we get from the sea. But, Sir, we, living on the first line, feel that the foreshore, which has been cleared by the Government at such great cost, is not drained at all, and the cost to do so will be only a few thousands of rupees. There water accumulates and makes the foreshore marshy for mosquitoes to breed and bite us at night. We want some remedy to be given to this. It is only for this purpose that I have tabled this motion—to call attention to the bad condition of the foreshore and the breeding of mosquitoes, by water stagnating there. The nice grounds where children and adults can enjoy in the evening cannot be touched because it is quite muddy and we slip into it. Therefore, to remedy that, if possible, I bring it to the notice of the Government. I don't know what they have to say. Little drains to drain off the water into the backwater are all that is necessary.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—A little raising also of the ground.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Such a beautiful portion to be kept in such a miserable condition!

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Is it not in the charge of the Municipality?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—If it is in the charge of the Municipality, you will move the Municipality. If it is, Government will give contributions. You mean taking all these things to the Municipality, which is already indebted to the Government to the extent of a lakh of rupees? Let us make an outright contribution. Let us not fight about the authority who should do the work.

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Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The town-planning expert has reported about it, and it is under the consideration of the Government. That is all what can be said now.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What I am asking you is whether you would allot a small sum, say, Rs. 2,000, for the purpose of raising and for opening those drains. The town-planning expert's plan will come at least ten years hence. We want a little remedy for the present. If you cannot provide, say you cannot provide and we shall see.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The whole drainage system has been considered by the Government, and a committee has been appointed to consider what all are important, what all are possible.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—This is a disease now. That is a grand scheme to have so many feet of backwater reclamation, another foreshore, etc. All these things will take such a lot of time. Where is the money? What is its cost? These are big considerations. Please give me some remedy for the time being. Do not allow our children to be bitten by mosquitoes and the General Hospital in front of the foreshore to be flooded by mosquitoes. You had one instance of a man who was treated in the hospital and supposed to be cured, who died, as the Hon'ble Member, Mr. Chanchan, said. May be due to inoculation by the mosquitoe. Who knows?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Sir, I find a provision of Rs. 7,000 provided for the town improvement of Ernakulam and any amount out of that at least may be used for beautifying or improving the *maidan*.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That is a contribution to the Municipality.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—No. Not a pie is given to the Municipality. It is provided in the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's budget.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—That is usually there.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—So will it be given to the Municipality?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That is to be used as the Municipality thinks proper.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—If the Government would give them a direction that, out of this, a small sum may be given for the purpose of the *maidan*, which is for the public comfort, I shall withdraw.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That will be noted by the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I withdraw

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(*The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.*)

Question put:—"*That a sum of Rs. 44,800 for 'Sanitation and Conservancy' be granted by the House.*

Question put and agreed to.

Demand No. XXV—Stationery and Printing—Rs. 95,000.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 95,000 under "Stationery and Printing." This is in excess of the budget estimate by Rs. 10,000, which has been explained by the Finance Member. I request the House will grant the allotment asked for.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 59,250 for 'purchase of Stationery articles' by Re. 1.*

President.—Motion No. 1, Mr. I. E. Ambooken.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—My object in tabling this motion is only to bring to the consideration of the Government the difficulty on account of bad paper used for certain forms and all such publications from the Press, for instance, the nomination paper that was used for election. I found it very difficult to use that paper in a proper way. Such kind of paper may be avoided for printing important forms and all that. Even in permanent forms, this is done.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Generally all important forms are printed in good and durable paper. In the selection of paper for printing, care is taken as much as possible to use good paper having regard to the period for which they are to be kept.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is the nomination paper important or unimportant?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It may so happen that it will be inferior on account of want of stock. It is more economy in expenditure. It should last only for a short time.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—In this connection, I beg to bring to the attention of the House that in Chittur, the language being Tamil, they request that Tamil may be used along with Malayalam, for the nomination paper.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Noted.

(*The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.*)

Motion No. 2.

Mr. A. S. Hariharа Ayyar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 95,000 under 'Demand No. XXV' by Re. 1.*

(*The Member being absent, the motion was considered withdrawn.*)

Motion No. 3.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 95,000 under 'Demand No. XXV' by Re. 1.*

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